

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HEARING EXAMINER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. [2017-308-C](#) ORDER NO. 2017-66-H

OCTOBER 27, 2017

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Hearing Examiner

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Application of SQF, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based Local Exchange Service and for Flexible Regulation of Its Local Exchange Services

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

ORS's objection to confidential treatment of financial statements granted by [Order No. 2017-62-H \(October 24, 2017\)](#).

HEARING EXAMINER ACTION:

On September 29, 2017 SQF, LLC ("SQF") filed a request for confidential treatment of its financial statements along with its application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. On October 20, 2017, SQF provided the Commission with an affidavit advancing that request through a certificate of service from local counsel. October 24, 2017, Order No. 2017-62-H was issued that granted confidential treatment to the information contained in the request.

On October 25, 2017, ORS filed a letter opposing confidential treatment, stating it "has not found sufficient basis for a determination that the materials and information qualify as 'trade secrets' entitled to protective treatment and public disclosure." On October 27, 2017, ORS filed another letter clarifying that the "contents of Exhibit B, filed under seal with the Commission, have not been provided to nor reviewed by ORS."

Since Order No. 2017-62-H, granting protective treatment of the financials has already been issued, ORS's request must fall under the provisions for rehearing or reconsideration at S.C. Code Ann. Regs 103-854 with reference to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-1200. These laws require a ruling within 20 days, which in this case is November 14, 2017.

As a result, ORS is requested to have completed and filed its analysis of the financials contained in Exhibit B to the Application by November 6, 2017.

SQF is given until November 13, 2017 to respond to ORS's position.

A ruling on this matter will be made on November 14, 2017.